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N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. MICHELSON

Serial No.: 08/480,461

Filed: June 7, 1995

Examiner:

M. Brown

Group Art Unit: 3733

For:

INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE SURGICAL CORRECTION OF HUMAN THORACIC AND LUMBAR SPINAL DISEASE FROM THE LATERAL ASPECT OF THE SPINE

(AS AMENDED)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of May 26, 1998. A fee of \$870.00 is enclosed.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 23, 1998

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